

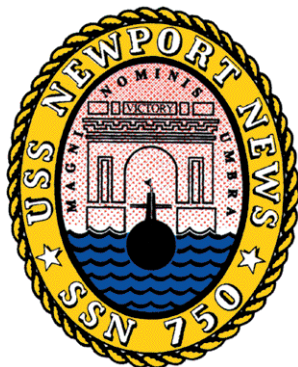


USS Newport News (SSN 750)

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Commander Weingart is a native of San Jose, California. He attended Santa Clara University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, and received his commission from the Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, in November 1986.

Following completion of the nuclear power and submarine basic training pipelines, Commander Weingart reported to USS Buffalo (SSN 715), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in July 1988. On board USS Buffalo he completed two deployments and several extended operations in the western Pacific. In 1991, he reported to Commander Submarine Group 5 in San Diego, California, as the Officer-in-Charge of Performance Monitoring Team San Diego.

In 1993, Commander Weingart reported to USS Tautog (SSN 639), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as Navigator and Operations Officer. While on USS Tautog, he completed one western Pacific deployment and extensive mid-Pacific operations. Following a brief assignment as Navigator and Operations Officer of USS New York City (SSN 696), he reported in 1996 to the staff of Commander Carrier Group 6 in Mayport, Florida, as the Submarine Warfare Officer and Tomahawk Strike Officer for the John C. Stennis Battle Group.

In 1997, Commander Weingart reported to Commander Submarine Squadron 11/Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Representative West Coast as Operations, Plans, and Intelligence Officer. From 2000 to 2002 he served as Executive Officer of USS Wyoming (SSBN 742)(Blue), where he completed three strategic deterrent patrols in the Atlantic.

Following this tour, Commander Weingart served briefly in the Submarine Warfare Division of the Chief of Naval Operations' staff before attending the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces, where he graduated with distinction with a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy in June 2003. He was then selected to be the Navy's Federal Executive Fellow to the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, where he conducted one year of research in national security affairs.

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The submarine Newport News (SSN 750) is the eighth vessel ever to bear the name of the Virginia shipbuilding city. Three previous ships, including the heavy cruiser Newport News, have seen Naval service. Two of the ships, however, were brought into the military for only short periods of time to provide transportation for troops and carry supplies overseas. The remaining four ships plied commercial water, carrying either passengers or freight.

A bay steamer named Newport News was built at Newport News Shipbuilding in 1895. The 274 foot vessel served as passenger transport for the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company.

The smallest boat to bear the city's name was a wooden-hull freight barge built at Staten Island in 1899. The barge, which had a crew, remained in service until 1941.

A collier built in 1903 and originally named the Odenwald became a prize of war during World War I and was assigned to the U.S. Shipping Board in 1917. It served with the U.S. Navys Overseas Transport Service until 1924 when it was retired.

Another ship called SS Newport News was built by the Furness Withy Line in West Hartlepool, England in 1907. That ship was changed to Belgian registry during World War I and was sunk by a German submarine in 1916.

An iron side-wheeled steamer ferry boat originally called the Kingston was bought by the Chesapeake Ferry Company in 1917 and renamed Newport News. It was brought to Norfolk where it became the fastest boat servicing Hampton Roads. The vessel burned and sank at a pier in 1924.

A second ferry boat to bear the city's name was initially called the Philadelphia when it was built in 1926 in Delaware. The Chesapeake Ferry Co. bought the ship in 1943 and renamed it Newport News. The Chesapeake company was dissolved in June 1948, but the ferry was operated by the Virginia Highway Department during the last two years of its service.

The SS City of Newport News was a steel passenger steamship originally named Archer, which made trans-Atlantic runs. It was purchased by the Navy in 1940 and rebuilt as an attack transport named the USS Fuller. The steamship was resold for civilian trade in 1946.

The cruiser Newport News was built at Newport News Shipbuilding in 1949 and was retired in 1975 following three combat tours in Vietnam, the cruiser is berthed among the Navys idle fleet of ships in Philadelphia.

Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.
- **Commissioned:** June 3, 1989
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ MPH; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes